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July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

United States: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2008, totaled 104.3 million head, slightly below the 104.8 million on July 1, 2007 and down 1 percent from the 105.2 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.4 million, was down slightly from both July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2006. Beef cows, at 33.2 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2007 and 1 percent below two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.25 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2007 and 1 percent above two years ago. Other class estimates on July 1, 2008 and the changes from July 1, 2007, are as follows: all heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, down 1 percent; beef replacement heifers, 4.6 million, down

2 percent; milk replacement heifers, 3.9 million, unchanged; other heifers, 8.0 million, unchanged; steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.7 million, down 1 percent; bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged; calves under 500 pounds, 28.6 million, down slightly; all cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.7 million, down 5 percent.

The 2008 calf crop is expected to be 37.3 million, down slightly from 2007 and 1 percent below 2006. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.1 million, down slightly from 2007 and 1 percent below 2006.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2007-2008

Class	United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
All Cattle and Calves	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
	104,800	104,300	100
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved			
Beef Cows	42,500	42,400	100
Milk Cows	33,350	33,150	99
	9,150	9,250	101
Calf Crop	2007	2008 ¹	2008 as % of 2007
		37,361	37,250
			100

¹ Preliminary.

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